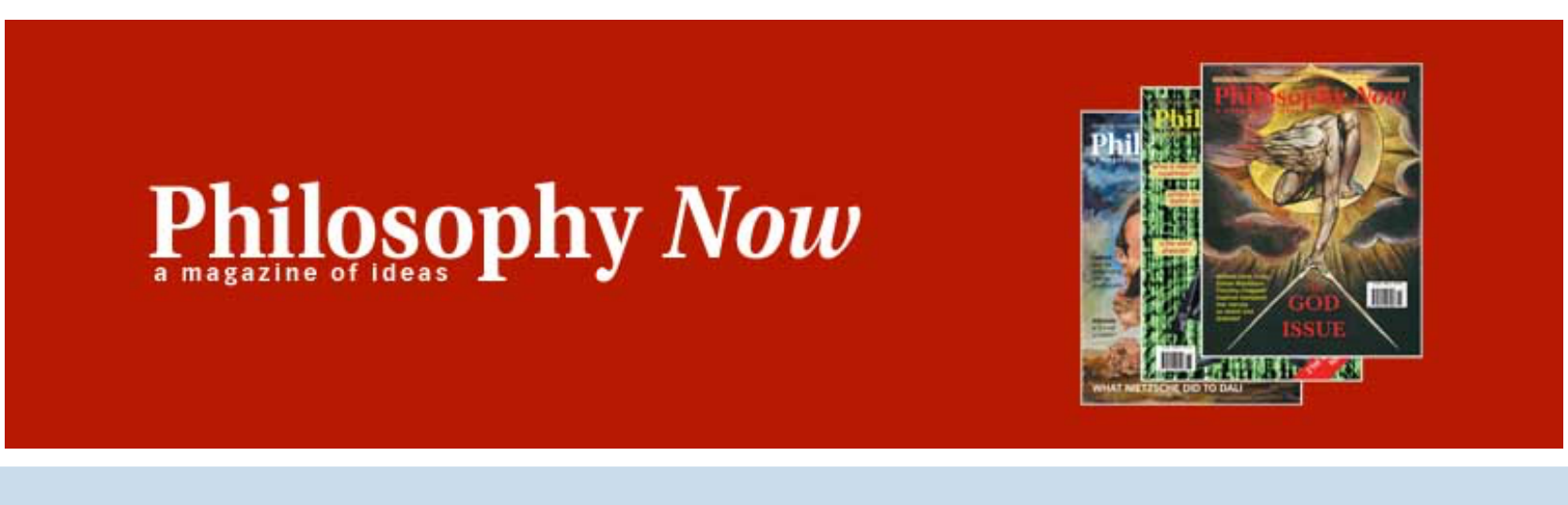

Existence Is Infinite

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Okay.

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I wish you would STOP MAKING ASSUMPTIONS and ASSUMING 'things'. BUT, we do NOT always get what we wish for, right?

What do you ASSUME I have SUPPOSEDLY NOT made, lol, 'my mind' up about here, EXACTLY?

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I ALSO do NOT claim to know what I am incapable of knowing with any certainty. So, that is WHY I ONLY CLAIM TO KNOW what I KNOW, which I have ABSOLUTE CERTAINTY ABOUT.

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Such is life.

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WHY are you here APOLOGIZING for what 'you' ARE, EXACTLY?

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WHAT 'disagreement'?

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But 'life', itself, does NOT have to be IN 'disagreement'.

Re: Existence Is Infinite

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Will you name those experiences, which you claim words cannot describe?

If no, then why not?

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VERY WELL SAID, and PUT.

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That is my own main interest in philosophy:

"How ought one to live morally in a world that is awash in both conflicting goods and in contingency, chance and change?"

Though, sure, if this is not something that you aim to explore in your own philosophy here, no problem. We can just move on to others.

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If you can live you own life from day to day interacting with others and avoid conflicts with them over value judgments, then, well, more power to you. I've never been able to do that myself.

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Yes, and my own understanding of that is rooted in the manner in which I construe the meaning of dasein in the OPs of these threads:

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This is what you believe in your head. This is what you think and feel is true. Others, however...

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Well, I suspect that will depend in large part on the extent to which someone has *personally* had to deal with the actual consequences of these natural disasters. Each of us as individuals has our own accumulation good and bad experiences. Rewards and punishments.

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I think about things like this differently. There are aspects of the "human condition" that seem to be applicable objectively to all of us. The laws of nature, mathematics, the empirical either/or world all around us, the rules of language...logic, epistemology. But in regard to our value judgments we all come to acquire subjective/subjunctive prejudices rooted existentially in the lives that we live.

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However “eternally here-now” is, I believe, a fairly accurate way to put it. Existence just is. Eternally.

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As previously stated this is not an ethical or moral treatise. That can be gleaned from other texts. This is a comprehensive, comprehensible expression of the nature, of the structure, of the parameters of existence.

That said, such an understanding of existence could allow individuals to reach a better understanding of our commonality, of what we all share which could perhaps help lead to a better community as expressed in Conclusions.

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Religion, at least organized religion, often merely revolves around routine ostentation. In extreme cases idol admiration along with other various condemnable activities.

What many consider holy texts, including the Bible, contain more than just supposed historical accounts, moral manuals and outlandish occurrences. They contain certain basic philosophical principles such as eternity, being eternal or eternal being (1 Timothy 1:17). The impossibility of nothing, of no thing, of nonexistence (Luke 1:37).

Again, the philosophy is intended to steer clear of religion. However those two basic principles, those two basic concepts are fundamentally philosophical, not religious. They are retained, they are contained in what many consider religious texts.

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Would you agree we experience? I suppose so. That certainly concerns existence. It involves interacting with other things.

The philosophy is posted for discourse and debate, in part to demonstrate its validity through rational discussion. Anyone can argue any aspect of the philosophy. Ultimately individuals shall contemplate and decide for themselves.

Allow me to elaborate on my earlier statement:

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It is similar to the mathematical concept pi. The parameters of pi are always valid, always existent. They do not change, regardless if a conscious entity is around to discover them, acknowledge them or record them in a notebook. In other words parameters of existence, the parameters of the knowledge would always be; what may fluctuate would concern life, or would concern conscious awareness and acknowledgment of the parameters.

Perhaps the idea of being eternal, of eternity is emphasized too much. The idea itself isn't quite as significant as it may seem. The idea is concerned with time, with duration. As expressed in the original text existence just is. Existence, being, generally speaking, transcends what we perceive as time. Existence just is. All that is, is. Time is a construct. A quality associated with particulars or particular things and often confounded with existence or being in its general sense.

All that is simply is. Simply being. Being. The fact that life is, that knowledge is an expression of existence is also a reflection and acknowledgement of its timelessness. Existence transcends measure, existence transcends time. Existence transcends number, existence transcends word. Existence just is.

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I KNOW. This is BLATANTLY OBVIOUS.

'Existence' can NOT just come about from nothing, just like 'Life' can NOT just come about from nothing, which IS EXACTLY what I was SAYING and POINTING OUT here.

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> Nor can particular things come about from nothing.

AGAIN, AGREED. And, what I was SAYING and POINTING OUT in what I wrote above, which you quoted here.

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WHY are you speaking like you are TELLING me what I just SAID and POINTED OUT anyway above here?

Also, absolutely EVERY 'thing' comes FROM the coming-together of at least TWO 'things' prior.

Even Existence, Life, AND the Universe, Itself, which are ALL eternal EXIST BECAUSE of two 'things' coming-together, or co-existing TOGETHER.

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Can you SPOT the CONTRADICTION here?

'Existence' IS 'life', AND, 'life' IS 'existence'. BUT, 'existence' EXCEEDS 'life'.

If you can NOT SPOT the CONTRADICTION here, then let me know and I might be able to help you out.

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But it is ONLY 'arguable' in the sense that 'Life' IS ETERNAL can be and WILL BE 'argued' soundly AND validly.

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So, to you, 'Existence' IS 'life', AND, 'life' IS 'existence', BUT, the DIFFERENCES between 'life' and 'existence', in general, SHOULD be fairly straightforward.

To me, this sounds like you are ALREADY HOLDING A BELIEF, but have YET to REALLY think 'it' through, FULLY.

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Just like absolutely EVERY 'thing' ELSE in the Universe, including the Universe, Itself, does NOT NEED 'a number'. But, so what?

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Mind does NOT need a number; there is NO other to need to be numbered. But, AGAIN, so what?

If you do NOT want to SAY and CLAIM there is ONLY One, then so be it.

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Life, ALSO, JUST IS. The Universe, JUST IS. you, JUST ARE. And, the human being, JUST IS. But, SO WHAT?

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> There is no other, there is no series to need to number existence in the general sense.

How MANY TIMES are you going to go on ABOUT 'this'?

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> However “eternally here-now” is, I believe, a fairly accurate way to put it. Existence just is. Eternally.

Re: Existence Is Infinite

by **Age** » Tue Jun 20, 2023 10:23 am

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Posts: 26381
Joined: Sun Aug 05, 2018 8:17 am

> **daniel j lavender wrote:** ↑ Tue Jun 20, 2023 1:16 am
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> > **iambiguous wrote:** ↑ Mon Jun 19, 2023 8:54 pm
> > How "for all practical purposes" is this applicable to the behaviors you choose from day to day in interacting with others? And, in particular, when your value judgments come into conflict with others? That is my own main interest in philosophy: "How ought one to live morally in a world that is awash in both conflicting goods and in contingency, chance and change?"
>
> As previously stated this is not an ethical or moral treatise. That can be gleaned from other texts. This is a comprehensive, comprehensible expression of the nature, of the structure, of the parameters of existence.

I will suggest that you have a LOT MORE to explain, AND PROVE, BEFORE what you have said here is 'comprehensive'.

It is one 'thing' to just SAY, 'Existence is infinite', but it is a whole OTHER 'thing' to PROVE 'this', IRREFUTABLY, and PROVE 'this' to a DISBELIEVING audience.

But in saying this it is STILL a VERY SIMPLE and VERY EASY 'thing' to do to PROVE that 'Existence', 'Life', and the 'Universe', Itself, ARE eternal AND infinite.

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> That said, such an understanding of existence could allow individuals to reach a better understanding of our commonality, of what we all share which could perhaps help lead to a better community as expressed in Conclusions.

And what is 'that', which is 'our commonality' and what 'we' ALL 'share'?

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> > From my frame of mind, religion revolves first and foremost around connecting the dots between morality on this side of the grave and immortality and salvation on the other side of it.
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> Religion, at least organized religion, often merely revolves around routine ostentation. In extreme cases idol admiration along with other various condemnable activities.
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> What many consider holy texts, including the Bible, contain more than just supposed historical accounts, moral manuals and outlandish occurrences. They contain certain basic philosophical principles such as eternity, being eternal or eternal being (1 Timothy 1:17). The impossibility of nothing, of no thing, of nonexistence (Luke 1:37).

Instead of just resorting to 'these words' alone I suggest just providing the empirical PROOF that Existence/the Universe IS eternal and infinite. That way NO one could even 'try to' REFUTE this Fact.

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> Again, the philosophy is intended to steer clear of religion. However those two basic principles, those two basic concepts are fundamentally philosophical, not religious. They are retained, they are contained in what many consider religious texts.
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> > So, what is of most importance to me here is not what others believe… but what they are actually able to demonstrate empirically, **experientially** is in fact true about it.
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> Would you agree we experience? I suppose so. That certainly concerns existence. It involves interacting with other things.
>
> The philosophy is posted for discourse and debate, in part to demonstrate its validity through rational discussion. Anyone can argue any aspect of the philosophy. Ultimately individuals shall contemplate and decide for themselves.
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> Allow me to elaborate on my earlier statement:
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> > **daniel j lavender wrote:** ↑ Mon Jun 19, 2023 12:57 am
> > This is not my philosophy. This is philosophy. The philosophy. I did not invent it. Supposing all detailed in the original essay is accurate no one would have contrived or invented this philosophy or this description of what is. **It would be eternal knowledge, existent and present forever.** Individuals discover it, they stumble upon it from time to time throughout eternity and express it for others to contemplate.
>
> It is similar to the mathematical concept pi. The parameters of pi are always valid, always existent. They do not change, regardless if a conscious entity is around to discover them, acknowledge them or record them in a notebook. In other words parameters of existence, the parameters of the knowledge would always be; what may fluctuate would concern life, or would concern conscious awareness and acknowledgment of the parameters.
>
> Perhaps the idea of being eternal, of eternity is emphasized too much. The idea itself isn't quite as significant as it may seem. The idea is concerned with time, with duration. As expressed in the original text existence just is. Existence, being, generally speaking, transcends what we perceive as time. Existence just is. All that is, is. Time is a construct. A quality associated with particulars or particular things and often confounded with existence or being in its general sense.
>
> All that is simply is. Simply being. Being. The fact that life is, that knowledge is an expression of existence is also a reflection and acknowledgement of its timelessness. Existence transcends measure, existence transcends time. Existence transcends number, existence transcends word. Existence just is.

Re: Existence Is Infinite

by **daniel j lavender** » Tue Jun 20, 2023 1:35 pm

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> **Age wrote:** ↑ Tue Jun 20, 2023 9:42 am
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Life is existence however existence is not just life exclusively. Existence concerns death, existence concerns nonbiological and nonliving elements as well. In that way existence does indeed exceed life.

To regard life as exclusively eternal is to limit existence, is to exclude other aspects and conditions of existence. To imply that existence exclusively concerns life is to limit existence, is to exclude other aspects of existence.

The central idea is that existence is infinite or unlimited. Existence is unrestricted, existence is not limited or confined by or to any particular.

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Existence is infinite. Existence encompasses and exceeds life as existence concerns life, death, the nonliving, etcetera. Existence is life, death, the nonliving, etcetera.

Life is finite. Life does not exceed life, life is life. Life is not death or the nonliving.

Existence is unlimited. Life is limited. That is the basic difference.

From that life and aspects of its intrinsically limited nature, that life isn't necessarily eternal, for example, can be better related.

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As stated above, existence transcends life, existence transcends any realm we may possibly reach even with advanced technologies. Considering the conditions, considering the nature of the matter empirical verification shouldn't be expected. Hence attempt to convey and establish the ideas through rational discourse here.

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> And what is 'that', which is 'our commonality' and what 'we' ALL 'share'?

Existence. We are. We are all parts of existence.

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SO, WHY THEN did you WRITE: 'Existence' IS 'life', AND, 'life IS 'existence'?

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Are you even AWARE that what you SEE as 'life' IS DIFFERENT for "OTHER" people?

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NOT necessarily SO.

So, WHY did you ASSUME otherwise?

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you are GOING OFF on some ASSUMING here.

Have you EVER considered that there ARE OTHER views and perspectives IN Life?

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Has ANY one DISAGREED here WITH YOUR 'central idea'?

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AND SO TO IS 'Life'.

BUT, AS ALWAYS, it ALWAYS DEPENDS on HOW one IS defining words here.

Does THE WAY you are defining words here FIT TOGETHER PERFECTLY FORMING One UNIFIED and IRREFUTABLE True Picture of 'things'?

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you appear here to have NOT YET GRASPED a HANDLE on what the 'death' word MEANS and REFERS TO, EXACTLY?

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> Life is finite.

REALLY?

If yes, then 'that is it', and 'end of story', RIGHT?

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AND, what IS 'life', to you, EXACTLY?

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SO, WHY AGAIN did you SAY and STATE that 'existence IS life', AND, 'life IS existence' FOR?

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The ONLY 'limited' 'thing' here appears to be YOUR view and perspective of 'things' here.